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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING VINYL POLYMER, VINYL
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The reference(s) was/were cited in a Supplementary European Search Report in corresponding European Application No. 03701128. A copy of the Search Report is submitted herewith for the Examiner's reference and information.

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Dear Mr. Fujisawa:

Further to our letter of December 6, 2006, we have filed an Information Disclosure Statement with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 22, 2006. Copies of the Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08a Form are enclosed for your records.

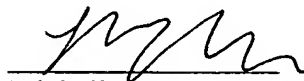
Additionally, we await your instruction regarding the Restriction Requirement which is due by **December 29, 2006**, with extensions of time available for a fee.

Please contact us should you have questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures

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